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# **SB 1279**

Introduced by  
Senator Huppenthal

## AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 41, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 41-705; RELATING TO THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON ARIZONA NATIONAL RANKINGS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 41, chapter 4, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
3 is amended by adding section 41-705, to read:

4 41-705. Review committee on Arizona national rankings

5 A. THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON ARIZONA NATIONAL RANKINGS IS ESTABLISHED IN  
6 THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION CONSISTING OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS, EACH OF  
7 WHOM SHALL HAVE EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE ON ISSUES PERTAINING TO EDUCATION,  
8 PUBLIC POLICY OR ECONOMICS:

9 1. THREE PERSONS WHO ARE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

10 2. THREE PERSONS WHO ARE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

11 3. THREE PERSONS WHO ARE APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF  
12 REPRESENTATIVES.

13 B. THE COMMITTEE SHALL SELECT A CHAIRPERSON FROM AMONG THE MEMBERS OF  
14 THE COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE SHALL SELECT A NEW CHAIRPERSON EACH CALENDAR  
15 YEAR. A QUORUM SHALL CONSIST OF A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS. THE COMMITTEE  
16 SHALL MEET AT LEAST ONCE EACH CALENDAR QUARTER.

17 C. THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE  
18 APPOINTING AUTHORITY.

19 D. THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION SHALL PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT,  
20 ASSISTANCE AND RESOURCES TO THE COMMITTEE.

21 E. COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION PURSUANT TO  
22 SECTION 38-611.

23 F. THE COMMITTEE SHALL COLLECT, EVALUATE AND ASSESS THE NATIONAL  
24 RANKINGS OF THIS STATE COMPARED TO OTHER STATES IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

25 1. THE OVERALL QUALITY OF SCHOOLS IN THIS STATE BASED ON THE  
26 FOLLOWING:

27 (a) ACADEMIC PRODUCTIVITY AS MEASURED BY ACADEMIC PROGRESS INDICATORS  
28 TOWARD THE ACADEMIC STANDARDS ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION. THE  
29 ACADEMIC PRODUCTIVITY MEASURES SHALL INCLUDE THE AREAS OF READING, WRITING  
30 AND MATHEMATICS AND OTHER ACADEMIC CATEGORIES DETERMINED BY THE COMMITTEE.

31 (b) RATINGS OF SCHOOL QUALITY BY PARENTS.

32 (c) THE AVERAGE SALARIES OF TEACHERS WHO PROVIDE INSTRUCTION IN SCHOOL  
33 DISTRICTS IN THIS STATE COMPARED TO THE AVERAGE SALARIES OF TEACHERS WITH  
34 SIMILAR LEVELS OF EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION IN OTHER STATES.

35 2. THE WAGES PAID TO LAWFUL RESIDENTS OF THIS STATE BASED ON THE  
36 FOLLOWING:

37 (a) AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES.

38 (b) THE AMOUNT OF ANNUAL PERCENTAGE INCREASES IN AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES.

39 G. FOR THE PURPOSES OF SUBSECTION F OF THIS SECTION, STUDIES AND  
40 FINDINGS THAT ARE EVALUATED BY THE COMMITTEE MAY BE CONDUCTED BY ANY PUBLIC  
41 OR PRIVATE ENTITY, EXCEPT THAT THE COMMITTEE SHALL RELY ONLY ON RESEARCH THAT  
42 THE COMMITTEE DETERMINES IS SCIENTIFICALLY RELIABLE. THE COMMITTEE MAY  
43 REQUEST THAT ADDITIONAL SPECIALIZED RESEARCH BE CONDUCTED BY PUBLIC OR  
44 PRIVATE ENTITIES SELECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.

1           H. THE COMMITTEE SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1  
2 REGARDING THE COMMITTEE'S FINDINGS TO THE GOVERNOR, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE  
3 OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE. COPIES OF THIS REPORT  
4 SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE ARIZONA  
5 STATE LIBRARY, ARCHIVES AND PUBLIC RECORDS.